

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)
Eastern Montgomery Regional Center
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Roy Chavera, Peter Myo Khin, Jerold Samet, Faustina Smith-Neil, Melissa Daley, Samantha Blizzard, Richard Romer, Fisseha Adugna, Fatmata Barrie, Shivonne Laird, Hildegard Sylla.

Guests Present: Peter Fosselman, Shane Pollin, Zac Marks, Mark Blum, Mensa Madjogah, Sabastian Smoot, Brent Clarence, Eric Johnston, Brian-Anleu from MCPD 3rd District, Mara Parker, Eileen Finnegan, Harriett Quinn, Rob Richardson, Dan Wilhelm, Mark Pharaoh, Vicki Garcia, Elise Barnes, Eric Johnston, Brian Anleu, Len Newman, Corporal B. Alexander, Brett Clarence, Shana Davis-Coon, Ed Weiler, Mark Bloom, Margaret Poore, Brad Farley, Brenda Wolff, Jan DeGilio, Jeremy Duffie, Jonathan Genn. **Staff Present:** MC East County Regional Director Jewru Bandeh.

Presentations by Special Guests – Peter Fosselman, White Oak Implementation Coordinator (Topic: Current/Future Developments in the White Oak Planning Area; Shane Pollin, Director of Development, Duffie, Inc., **Zach Marks**, Assistant Director of New Development, Housing Opportunities Commission (Topic: Hillandale Gateway Development Project).

Peter Fosselman summarized his professional background and spoke about recent activities regarding the White Oak Planning Group. He explained that he has been focusing on coordination of outreach and marketing for the planning area in specific. He then provided a summary power point presentation of the White Oak Science Gateway development projects, including the Hillandale Gateway. His presentation also included information on:

- White Oak Planning Area boundaries, demographics, existing house stock, projects underway (i.e. permits, construction, current and future plans);
- FDA Headquarters consolidation description (i.e., and land size-130 acres, six million square feet);
- estimated jobs on campus currently is over 8,500;
- Washington Adventist Hospital construction schedule/status and land description (48 acres, 803,000 square feet) scheduled to open in spring of 2019;
- Coordination with “Friends of White Oak” is ongoing regarding implementation of the White Oak Master Plan-advisory/advocacy group to be formed;
- Regarding Hillandale, he briefed on the Hillandale Gateway project, described as joint venture housing, mixed use Town Center of 331 residential units, 25,000 square feet for retail establishments;
- A Hilton Home2 Hotel (62,000 square feet) which is scheduled to open in late 2018;
- Regarding the Hillandale Shopping Center, work/improvement is ongoing with Safeway;
- Future plans include mixed use zoning to accommodate residential and retail projects; and
- BRT plans for route 29 are ongoing, which include \$6.5 million budgeted for planning and design.
- Fosselman acknowledged the importance of environmental concerns regarding the Paint Branch stream.

Shane Pollin then gave a power point presentation that provided more details regarding Fosselman's presentation which included the background of the developer, the Duffie family business. He added that Duffie Inc. Company is working with the Housing Opportunity Commission. They are working hard to form a partnership with the Amalgamated Union (old Labor College next door) for a larger development plan for the area. After this presentation, several ECCAB board members and community guests asked questions which were addressed by the presenters. ECCAB Hillandale board member and a Hillandale guest thanked presenters for plans to improve Hillandale.

Approval of January 2017 Meeting Summary: A motion was made to approve; the motion was then seconded and approved unanimously.

New Business: Update from East County Regional Services Center Director's Report Jewru Bandeh included but was not limited to the following topic: Current two ECCAB vacancies that needed to be filled. He is actively working to fill these positions. Also, he added that there will be an update on the senior housing sketch plan at the next ECCAB Quality of Life/Social Issues Committee meeting. Peter Myo Khin was praised for his representation/testimony on behalf of the ECCAB at County Council public hearing on the resolutions related to the White Oak General Development Plan and Capital Improvement Program Amendment on behalf of ECCAB.

Update from ECCAB Planning/Economic Development Committee: Chair Peter Myo Khin thanked all of who attended the January 2017 operating budget meeting for FY 2018. A list of operating budget priorities will be compiled. He also reported on the informational session the committee had on the Jesus House Church relocation and development with presentations by members from the surrounding community and Cloverly Civic Association.

Update by ECCAB Planning/Quality of Life Committee Samantha Blizzard: Samantha Blizzard announced plans to meet to develop a list of 2018 operating budget priorities. The QL/SI committee will sponsor the February 8, 2017 public meeting on the ECRSC lot affordable senior housing development project in partnership with KB Companies and the Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Update from 3rd District Montgomery County Police: Corporal B. Alexander provided statistics regarding reoccurring minor crimes in the 3rd District including auto thefts, home burglaries, and arrests etc.

Update from Council Staff: Brian Anleu (Office of Councilmember Tom Hucker) briefly spoke of work in progress regarding "Fix 198 Now." group designed to address traffic and safety problems along MD 198. He also commented on the proposed Jesus House development project in Cloverly and how his office is working with the community to address concerns presented by some area residents. Mara Parker (Office of Councilmember Marc Elrich) briefed the board on matters including but not limited to the following: dates of upcoming council meetings (full council/committees) which included a meeting about pending bill 49:16, a micro-lending program to address aid for small businesses. She also commented briefly on concerns regarding President Trump's comments about sanctuary cities and potential impact his agenda may create.

Community attendees: Two community attendees commented on plans for the proposed Jesus House DC construction and two other large churches in low density areas in Cloverly and the negative impacts and challenges they would create for the community. Another community member in attendance suggested that citizens can voice their concerns about county development plans on a county public website/blog called growingeastcounty.com.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. This meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.